



Idaho Crop & Livestock Producer News

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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the results of the following surveys conducted by the Idaho Field Office: the December Quarterly Agricultural Survey, the Acreage and Production Survey, the Mint Survey, the Grain Stocks Survey, and the Dry Bean Survey. In addition to acreage, yield, and production for selected crops, winter wheat seedings for the 2013 crop are reported.

My thanks to survey participants for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Vince Matthews
Director

Idaho Crop Estimates for 2012

Idaho's potato production totaled 143 million cwt, up 11 percent from 2011. Average yield from the 344,000 harvested acres was 416 cwt per acre, up 12 cwt from 2011.

Idaho sugarbeet production totaled 6.43 million tons, up 6 percent from 2011's production. Harvested acreage, at 182,000, was up 6,000 acres from 2011. Yield, at 35.3 tons per acre, was up 0.9 ton from last year and a new record high.

All wheat production in Idaho totaled 98.0 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2011. Average yield of 78.2 bushels per acre was down from 82.8 bushels per acre in 2011. Acres harvested totaled 1.25 million, down 148,000 acres from 2011. Idaho's 2012 winter wheat crop totaled 59.2 million bushels from 740,000 harvested acres, down 6 percent from 2011's 63.1 million bushels. The average yield of 80.0 bushels per acre is down 2 bushels per acre from 2011. The State's spring wheat production totaled 38.0 million bushels from 500,000 harvested acres, down 27 percent from 2011. Average yield of 76.0 bushels per acre was down 8 bushels from 2011. Idaho's 2012 durum wheat production totaled 806,000 bushels from 13,000 harvested acres, up 6 percent from 2011. The average yield for durum was 62.0 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from 2011.

Barley production in Idaho totaled 53.7 million bushels from 590,000 harvested acres, up 15 percent from 2011's production.

The average yield of 91.0 bushels per acre was down 2 bushels from 2011. Oat production, at 975 thousand bushels, was down 7 percent from 2011. Producers harvested 15,000 acres and averaged 65.0 bushels per acre.

All dry hay production for Idaho totaled 4.76 million tons from 1.34 million harvested acres. This compares to 5.07 million tons from 1.35 million acres in 2011. The average dry hay yield for Idaho was 3.55 tons per acre, down from 3.76 tons last year. All haylage and greenchop production totaled 1.22 million tons from 105,000 harvested acres.

Corn harvested for grain totaled 25.7 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain totaled 135,000. Yield was estimated at 190.0 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last year. Corn harvested for silage was 5.94 million tons, down 4 percent from last year. Average yield from 220,000 harvested acres was 27.0 tons per acre, down 0.5 ton from last year. Idaho set records for corn in grain production, acres harvested for grain, and grain yield.

Dry Bean production totaled 3.02 million cwt, up 61 percent from 2011. Average yield from 144,000 harvested acres was 2,100 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from 2011. Dry edible pea production in Idaho was estimated at 494,000 cwt, up 83 percent from 2011's production. Average yield from 26,000 harvested acres was 1,900 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from the previous year. Idaho's 2012 lentil production totaled 384,000 cwt, up 9 percent from 2011. Average yield from 32,000 harvested acres was 1,200 pounds per acre, a decrease of 100 pounds from 2011. Austrian Winter Pea production in Idaho totaled 59,000 cwt, down 31 percent from 2011. Average yield was 1,300 pounds per acre from 4,500 harvested acres.

Canola production totaled 66.6 million pounds from 37,000 harvested acres. This compares to 38.9 million pounds from 18,500 harvested acres in 2011.

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December 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's December 1, 2012 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 50.1 million bushels, down 28 percent from last year's 70.0 million bushels. On-farm storage was estimated at 18.0 million bushels, down 37 percent from last year's 28.5 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 32.1 million bushels, down 23 percent from December 1, 2011. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 34.8 million bushels, down 2 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 14.5 million bushels, up 4 percent from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 20.3 million bushels, down 5 percent from last year.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions December 1, 2012 totaled 1.66 billion bushels, down slightly from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 400 million bushels, down 1 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 1.26 billion bushels, are up slightly from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 2012 totaled 158 million bushels, up 14 percent from December 1, 2011. On-farm stocks are estimated at 72.6 million bushels, 31 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 85.3 million bushels, are 2 percent above December 2011. Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2012, totaled 73.1 million bushels, 8 percent below the stocks on December 1, 2011. Of the total stocks on hand, 26.0 million bushels are stored on farms, up 4 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 47.1 million bushels, down 13 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2012, totaled 8.03 billion bushels, down 17 percent from December 1, 2011. Of the total stocks, 4.59 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 26 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.44 billion bushels, are down 1 percent from a year ago. Pulse crops stored in all positions on December 1, 2012, and the change from December 1, 2011 are: dry edible peas, 5.19 million cwt, up 25 percent; lentils, 3.57 million cwt, down 11 percent; Austrian winter peas, 86,000 cwt, down 33 percent; All chickpeas, 1,627,000 cwt, up 51 percent; small chickpeas, 710,000 cwt, up 64 percent; and large chickpeas, 917,000 cwt, up 43 percent. Small chickpeas are defined as chickpeas that will pass through a 20/64 inch round hole screen.

Spearmint and Peppermint for Oil Production

Idaho's spearmint production for 2012 totaled 96,000 pounds, down 11 percent from the previous year's 108,000 pounds. Harvested acreage, at 800, was down 100 acres from 2011. Average yield was 120 pounds per acre, unchanged from the previous year.

Idaho's peppermint production for 2012 was estimated at 1.82 million pounds, up 10 percent from 2011 production. Harvested acreage, at 16,500 is unchanged from 2011. Average yield, at 110 pounds per acre, is up 10 pounds from last year.

Idaho Winter Wheat Seedings Down 3 Percent

Idaho's winter wheat seeded area for the 2013 crop is estimated at 760,000 acres, down 3 percent from the 780,000 acres seeded for the 2012 crop and 7 percent below the 820,000 acres seeded for 2011.

Nationally, winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2013 is estimated at 41.8 million acres, up 1 percent from 2012 and 3 percent above 2011. Seeding began last August but by the middle of September was behind the 5-year average as producers waited for improved soil moisture levels. However, by the end of October, seeding had progressed ahead of last year and the 5-year average. More acres were seeded this year due to the early row crop harvest and higher prices.

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2011-2012

State	Area Harvested 1/		Unit	Yield		Production	
	2011	2012		2011	2012	2011	2012
IDAHO	<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
All Hay	1,350	1,340	Tons	3.76	3.55	5,070	4,760
Alfalfa Hay	1,000	1,040	Tons	4.30	4.00	4,300	4,160
All Haylage and Greenchop	100	105	Tons	11.74	11.62	1,174	1,220
Canola	18.5	37.0	Lbs	2,100	1,800	38,850	66,600
Corn for Grain	120	135	Bu.	185.0	190.0	22,200	25,650
Corn for Silage	225	220	Tons	27.5	27.0	6,188	5,940
All Wheat	1,401	1,253	Bu.	82.8	78.2	115,979	98,006
Winter Wheat	770	740	Bu.	82.0	80.0	63,140	59,200
Spring Wheat	620	500	Bu.	84.0	76.0	52,080	38,000
Durum Wheat	11	13	Bu.	69.0	62.0	759	806
Barley	500	590	Bu.	93.0	91.0	46,500	53,690
Oats	15	15	Bu.	70.0	65.0	1,050	975
Potatoes	319	344	Cwt	404	416	128,760	143,240
Sugarbeets	176	182	Tons	34.4	35.3	6,054	6,425
Dry Beans 2/	94	144	Cwt	2,000	2,100	1,880	3,024
Dry Edible Peas 2/	15	26	Cwt	1,800	1,900	270	494
Austrian Winter Peas 2/	5	4.5	Cwt	1,700	1,300	85	59
Lentils 2/	27	32	Cwt	1,300	1,200	351	384
Hops	2,265	2,423	Lbs	2,408	1,745	5,454.1	4,227.6
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All Hay	55,653	56,260	Tons	2.36	2.13	131,216	119,878
Alfalfa Hay	19,213	17,292	Tons	3.40	3.01	65,332	52,049
All Haylage and Greenchop	4,296	4,243	Tons	7.44	6.24	31,982	26,457
Canola	1,043	1,729	Lbs	1,475	1,416	1,538,010	2,447,410
Corn for Grain	83,989	87,375	Bu.	147.2	123.4	12,359,612	10,780,296
Corn for Silage	5,935	7,379	Tons	18.4	15.4	109,094	113,450
All Wheat	45,705	48,991	Bu.	43.7	46.3	1,999,347	2,269,117
Winter Wheat	32,314	34,834	Bu.	46.2	47.2	1,493,677	1,645,202
Spring Wheat	12,079	12,055	Bu.	37.7	45.0	455,188	541,959
Durum Wheat	1,312	2,102	Bu.	38.5	39.0	50,482	81,956
Barley	2,239	3,244	Bu.	69.6	67.9	155,780	220,284
Oats	939	1,045	Bu.	57.1	61.3	53,649	64,024
Potatoes	1,077.0	1,132.7	Cwt	399	412	429,647	467,126
Sugarbeets	1,213.2	1,204.2	Tons	23.8	29.3	28,896	35,236
Dry Beans 2/	1,167.9	1,690.4	Cwt	1,703	1,889	19,890	31,925
Dry Edible Peas 2/	342.8	621.0	Cwt	1,641	1,751	5,625	10,872
Austrian Winter Peas 2/	12.3	13.7	Cwt	1,463	1,219	180	167
Lentils 2/	411	450	Cwt	1,151	1,178	4,732	5,302
Hops	29,787	31,933	Lbs	2,175	1,918	64,781.6	61,249.2

1/ Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., beans, dry hay, etc. 2/Yield in pounds, production in cwt.

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